

CELIA McGUINNESS

Celia McGuinness is a disability rights attorney representing people who have been discriminated against in public accommodations, government programs, services and activities, and employment and housing. A trial attorney for 23 years, Ms. McGuinness also has been appointed Visiting Clinical Professor at the University of San Francisco Law School and Adjunct Professor at Hastings College of Law. She has published articles in the Hastings Women's Law Journal, Interpretation (a journal of political philosophy), California Lawyer Magazine and the Daily Recorder newspaper. Becoming the mother of a child with disabilities spurred her to work for the rights of all disabled people to participate fully in community life.

Ms. McGuinness is the managing attorney at the Law Office of Paul Rein, a plaintiff's law firm dedicated for 38 years to ensuring equal access to public spaces and expanding the right of disability access. The Rein Law Office takes pride in its reputation for handling cases that vindicate civil rights for the entire disabled community.

Ms. McGuinness' most recent published ruling was a case of first impression, holding that a hospital must allow service animals in its locked psychiatric ward. (*Tamara v. El Camino Hosp.*, – F.2d –, 2013 WL 3968659 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 2, 2013).